

California Department of Aging
Multipurpose Senior Services Program Narrative
Medi-Cal Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

Program / Element / Component -- 45.10

Description

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) provides both social and health care management services for frail elderly clients who wish to remain in their own homes and communities. The Program's goal is to prevent or delay institutionalization by using available community services and resources. The cost of services must be lower than the cost of residing in a skilled nursing facility.

MSSP operates under a Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) home and community-based services waiver that has been approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The current waiver extends from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. The California Department of Aging (CDA) administers MSSP under an interagency agreement with the Department of Health Care Services. CDA's MSSP Branch oversees the programmatic, fiscal, and service components of local MSSP site operations.

Benefits

A team of health and social service professionals provides each client with a complete health and psychosocial assessment to determine needed services. The team then works with the client, their physician, family, and others to develop an individualized care plan.

Services include, but are not limited to: care management; adult social day care; housing assistance; in-home chore and personal care services; respite services; transportation services; protective services; meal services; and special communication assistance.

Eligibility

<i>Income</i>	Currently eligible for Medi-Cal under a qualifying primary Medi-Cal aid code.
<i>Age</i>	65 or older
<i>Other</i>	Certified or certifiable for placement in a skilled nursing facility

Access

Information on how to receive services from MSSP is available through the statewide toll-free Senior Information Line at **1-800-510-2020** and the CDA website at www.aging.ca.gov.

Current State Fiscal Year Funding Information (2011-12)

<i>Source</i>	The total local assistance budget is \$40,464,000 funded jointly by the State General Fund and the Federal Medicaid Program (Social Security Act Title XIX).
<i>Allocation Formula</i>	N/A
<i>Match Requirements</i>	The federal match is 50 percent
<i>Other Funding Information</i>	The \$40,464,000 above reflects the current 21 percent budget reduction. The prior total was \$50,515,000
<i>Funding Cycle</i>	July 1 – June 30